

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently amended) A vehicle wheel weight comprising:

a mass portion of a nonlead material configured as a strip having a plurality of weight segments;

adjacent weight segments being separated by a transverse groove defined in said strip, each of said grooves being configured so as to provide a reduced thickness web ~~of reduced width-thickness~~, said web flexibly interconnecting adjacent segments;

an adhesive at a back surface of said strip to permit attachment of said strip to a vehicle wheel; and

a release liner located on said adhesive to protect said adhesive prior to use.
2. (Original) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 1, wherein said adhesive is carried by a double-sided tape.
3. (Original) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 2, further comprising a release liner pull tab extending from an end of said strip.
4. (Original) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 1, wherein said strip has between two and twelve segments inclusive.
5. (Original) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 1, wherein said reduced thickness web has a thickness no greater than approximately 20 thousandths of an inch.

6. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 5, wherein said reduced thickness web has a thickness of at least approximately three thousandths of an inch.

7. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said transverse grooves has a widest width of at least about fifty thousandths of an inch.

8. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 7, wherein said widest width of each of said transverse grooves is approximately one hundred thirty thousandths of an inch.

9. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 1, wherein said mass portion is painted.

10. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 1, wherein said nonlead material is low carbon steel.

11. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 10, wherein said nonlead material is 1008 steel.

12. (New) A vehicle wheel weight comprising:
a mass portion of nonlead material having a first side for juxtaposition against a wheel rim and an opposite second side defining a clip groove; and
a clip having an extended portion for engaging said wheel rim, said clip further having an attachment portion seated in clip groove such that said clip is fixed to said mass portion.

13. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 12, wherein said clip has a generally C-shaped configuration.

14. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 12, wherein said clip has a generally L-shaped configuration.

15. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 12, wherein said clip is secured to said mass portion by welding.

16. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 12, wherein said clip is secured to said mass portion by swaging material over top of said attachment portion thereof.

17. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 12, wherein said attachment portion of said clip defines interference features on lateral sides thereof to facilitate attachment of said clip to said mass portion.

18. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 17, wherein said interference features comprise serrations defined on said lateral sides of said clip.

19. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 17, wherein said interference features comprise indentations defined on said lateral sides of said clip.

20. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 12, wherein said clip is secured to said mass portion by adhesive.

21. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 12, wherein said nonlead material is low carbon steel.

22. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 21, wherein said nonlead material is 1008 steel.

23. (New) A vehicle wheel weight comprising:
a mass portion of nonlead material adapted to be juxtaposed against a wheel rim, said mass portion defining a clip securement cavity; and
a clip having an attachment portion inserted into said clip securement cavity such that

said groove is fixed to said mass portion, said clip further having an extended portion for engaging said wheel rim.

24. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 23, wherein said nonlead material is low carbon steel.

25. (New) A vehicle wheel weight as set forth in claim 24, wherein said nonlead material is 1008 steel.

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to sheet 4/15 and 10/15. On sheet 4/15, the incorrect reference to "Fig. 3A" has been changed to Fig. 3D. On sheet 10/15, Figure 9 has been corrected to add reference number "94." Replacement sheets are being submitted herewith.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes